

<u>Blagoevgrad Okrug</u>	<u>Burgas Okrug</u>	<u>Khaskovo Okrug</u>	<u>Kolarovgrad Okrug</u>	<u>Pleven Okrug</u>	<u>Plovdiv Okrug</u>
Blagoevgrad	Aytos	Ardino	Kolarovgrad	Lovech	Asenovgrad
Gotse Delchev	Burgas	Ivaylovgrad	Novi Pazar	Lukovit	Devin
Petrich	Grudovo	Kharmenli	Omurtag	Nikopol	Levskigrad
Razlog	Elkhovo	Khaskovo	Popovo	Pleven	Panagyurishte
Sandanski	Kotel	Krumovgrad	Preslav	Svishtov	Pazardzhik
	Malko Turnovo	Kurdzhali	Turgovishte	Teteven	Peshtera
	Michurin	Madan		Troyan	Plovdiv
	Polyanovgrad*	Momchilgrad			Purvomay
	Pomorie	Svilengrad			Smolyan

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*Changed from Kernobat, according to Izvestiya, 29 September 1953.

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<u>Ruse Okrug</u>	<u>Sofia Okrug</u>	<u>Stalin Okrug</u>	<u>Stara Zagora Okrug</u>	<u>V. Veliko Turnovo Okrug</u>	<u>Vratsa Okrug</u>
Byala	Botevgrad	Balchik	Chirpan	Dryanovo	Belogradchik
Dulovo	Breznik	General Toshevo	Kazanluk	Elena	Berkovitsa
Isperikh	Godech	Provadiya	Nova Zagora	Gabrovo	Byala Slatina
Kubrat	Dimitrovo	Stalin	Sliven	Gorna Oryakhovitsa	Kula
Razgrad	Elin Pelin	Tervel	Stara Zagora	Pavlikeni	Lom
Ruse	Ikhtiman	Tolbukhin	Topolovgrad	Sevlievo	Mikhaylovgrad
Silistra	Kyustendil		Yambol	Turnovo	Oryakhovo
Tutrakan	Pirdop				Vidin
	Radomir				Vratsa
	Samokov				
	Sofia				
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It should be noted that all 12 okrug centers are at the same time okoliya centers and obshtina centers, and that all okoliya centers are at the same time obshtina centers. Okrugs are named after their respective okrug centers, okoliyas after their respective okoliya centers, and obshtinas after their respective obshtina centers.

Each of the 12 okrugs has an okrug people's soviet (okruzhen narodn suvet) as its local government. Each okoliya has an okoliya people's soviet (okoliyski narodn suvet) as its local government, which is under the jurisdiction of its okrug people's soviet. Each obshtina also has a local government, which is located in each obshtina center.

An obshtina center may be either a village or a town. If it is a village, the local government of the obshtina is a rural people's soviet (selski narodn suvet), which is always under the jurisdiction of its okoliya people's soviet. If the obshtina center is a town, the local government of the obshtina is an urban people's soviet (gradski narodn suvet), which may be under the direct jurisdiction either (a) of its okrug people's soviet or (b) of its okoliya people's soviet. The first case includes all towns which are okrug centers, several towns which are okoliya centers, and one town which is only an obshtina center. The second case includes all okoliya centers whose urban people's soviets are not under the jurisdiction of their respective okrug people's soviets; and all obshtina centers, except Dimitrovgrad in Khaskovo Okoliya, which is only an obshtina center, but whose urban people's soviet is under the direct jurisdiction of the Khaskovo Okrug People's Soviet.

The census report of 31 December 1946 and Rabotnichesko Delo of 16 October 1952 misleadingly use the terms "gradska okoliya" (urban okoliya) and "selska okoliya" (rural okoliya) in connection with all okoliyas which have two people's soviets (an urban people's soviet and an okoliya people's soviet) under the direct jurisdiction of their respective okrug people's soviets. Most okoliyas have only one people's soviet (the okoliya people's soviet) under the direct jurisdiction of their respective okrug people's soviets.

These two sources use the phrase "gradska okoliya" to mean any obshtina whose urban people's soviet is directly under the jurisdiction of its okrug people's soviet. Most obshtinas with urban people's soviets are under the direct jurisdiction of their respective okoliya people's soviets and not under the direct jurisdiction of their respective okrug people's soviets.

The same sources apply the expression "selska okoliya" to the collection of obshtinas of a given okoliya whose urban or rural people's soviets are under the jurisdiction of this okoliya's people's soviet. Thus, this use of the expression "selska okoliya" excludes the obshtina or obshtinas of a given okoliya which are referred to above as "gradska okoliya."

The following are obshtinas misleadingly called "gradska okoliya" whose urban people's soviets are directly under the jurisdiction of their respective okrug people's soviets (the obshtina centers of some of these obshtinas are at the same time okoliya and/or okrug centers):

Asenovgrad, Pazardzhik, Kolarovgrad, Kurdzhali, Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Dimitrovgrad, Dimitrovo, Gabrovo, Kazanluk, Khaskovo, Kyustendil, Pleven, Plovdiv, Ruse, Sliven, Stalin, Stanke Dimitrov, Stara Zagora, Tolbukhin, Turnovo, Vidin, Vratsa, and Yambol. (This list corrects and brings up to date the list given in NIS-23, Section 52, page 7.)

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According to the census report of 31 December 1946, Sofia Obshtina is listed under Sofia Oblast (now Okrug), which implies that the Sofia Urban People's Soviet is under the jurisdiction of the Sofia Okrug People's Soviet. However, the article in Rabotnichesko Delo, 16 October 1952 referred to above lists Sofia City separately and not with the other okoliyas of Sofia Okrug, which implies that the Sofia Urban People's Soviet is on a par with the 12 okrug people's soviets and hence not under the jurisdiction of the Sofia Okrug People's Soviet. This further implies that the Sofia Urban People's Soviet is equivalent to an okrug people's soviet and hence is on a higher level than the Sofia Okoliya People's Soviet, which, like all the other okoliya people's soviets, is under the jurisdiction of its okrug people's soviet.

Sofia City is divided into six rayons, namely, Blagoev Rayon, Chervenkov Rayon, Dimitrov Rayon, Kirkov Rayon, Kolarov Rayon, and Stalin Rayon, all of which are divided into kvartals. Each of these rayons has a rayon people's soviet (rayonen naroden suvet) presumably under the jurisdiction of the Sofia Urban People's Soviet, i.e., the government of Sofia Obshtina, which includes Sofia City and nine surrounding villages.

Large towns such as Burgas and Stalin also have rayons. These, like the Sofia rayons, are governed by rayon people's soviets, which are subordinate to their respective urban people's soviets. Stalin includes the following kvartals: Asparukhovo, Khr. Botev, Dr (Doctor) Dimitrov, Avr. Gachev, Mikh, Ivanov, Bl. Kasabov, Dim. Kondov, Vasil Levski, Yanko Mikhaylov, Dim. St. Popov, Primorski, Rupi, Al. Stamboliyski, St. Staykov, and Tod. Strashimirov.

For detailed information on the tables of organization of okrug, okoliya, urban, and rural people's soviets,

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The appended map, based on Map 11490, Map Division, CIA, 3-50, shows okrug and okoliya administrative-territorial divisions as of 29 September 1953. The approximate boundary of the new Madan Okoliya (see 00-W-25167) is designated by a light broken line in the case of the okoliya boundary and by a heavy broken line in the case of the okrug boundary which is part of the Madan Okoliya boundary.

NOTE: Besides obshtinas which include a city as their administrative center bearing the same name as the obshtinas, there are obshtinas which consist either of only villages or of a combination of villages and hamlets (makhala). In the case of obshtinas which consist of only villages, the administrative center of the obshtina also has the same name as the obshtina. For example, Belkovtsi Obshtina in Breznik Okoliya includes three villages, namely Belkovtsi (the administrative center of Belkovtsi Obshtina), Slakovtsi, and Sopitsa.

In the case of obshtinas which consist of a combination of villages and hamlets, the administrative center of the obshtina can be a hamlet which is a part of the village whose name is identical with that of the obshtina. For example, Vakarel Obshtina in Ikhtiman Okoliya includes three villages, namely, Bogdanovtsi (which includes several hamlets), Burdo, and Vakarel (which also includes several hamlets, one of which, Khanovete, is the administrative center of Vakarel Obshtina).

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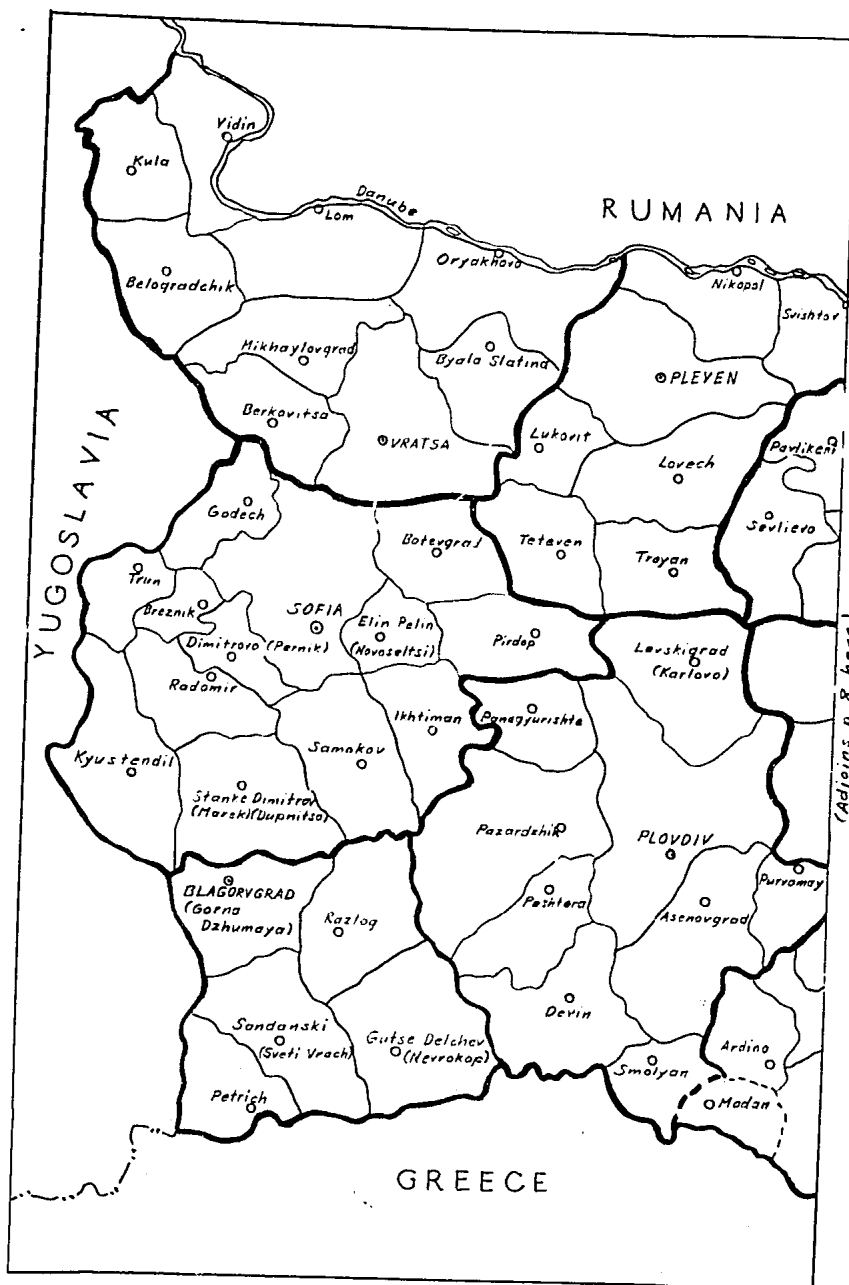
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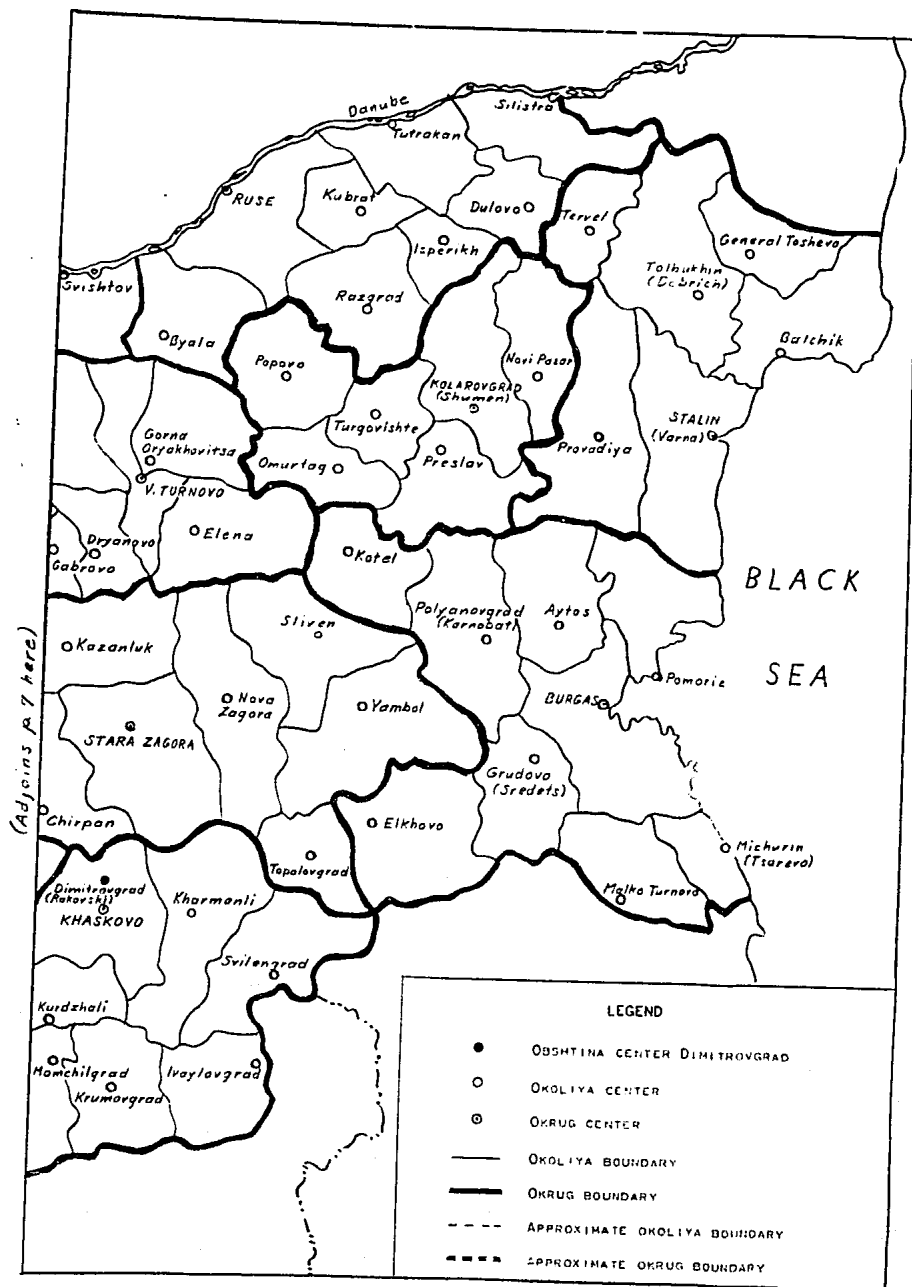


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